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99TH CONGRESS -- A RECORD OF UNUSUAL ACCOMPLISHMENT

WASHINGTON -- SENATE MAJORITY LEADER BOB DOLE (R-KANSAS) TODAY SAID THE 99TH CONGRESS "LEAVES BEHIND A RECORD OF UNUSUAL ACCOMPLISHMENT."

"Here we are at the end of the 99th Congress. And I think it is fair to say, that we leave behind a record of unusual accomplishment."

"It hasn't been easy. Here in the Senate, the razor-thin margin between the two parties and a critical election around the corner, only increased the difficulty in addressing issues that would have been difficult to address under any circumstances: the federal deficit; the farm crisis; arms control; the defense budget -- the list goes on.

"But we tackled the problems -- and more often than not came up with solutions that hugged the middle ground -- answers that conformed to the views of a majority of Americans.

"Not every policy dilemma was resolved and some of our answers are less than complete. But the Republican majority has proven we can lead and we can govern. Just running down the list of legislation Congress has passed over the past two years shows how far we've come.

"Whether it was tax reform, the omnibus farm bill, Gramm-Rudman-Hollings, or aid to the Nicaraguan freedom fighters, Superfund, anti-drug or immigration legislation, the Senate has been unusually productive. We've put the country on a solid and correct course for the future. And hopefully, we'll reach many more goals when we return for the 100th Congress."